

Meeting Minutes

West Van Buren (WVB) Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 145
1110 West Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007

DRAFT MINUTES

Ref: OU #08-034

CAB members present: Philip Lagas, Jeff Littell, Charlotte Reyes, John Saccoman and Peggy Eastburn

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Jennifer Edwards Thies, Project Manager; Kevin Snyder, Project Hydrologist; Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator, Delfina Olivarez, Community Involvement Coordinator and Felicia Calderon, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Denise Forbes and Mel Paul

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Mrs. Wendy Flood introduced Ms. Delfina Olivarez as the new Community Involvement Coordinator for West Van Buren. Ms. Olivarez greeted the CAB members and public and the meeting was turned over to Co-Chair Mr. Philip Lagas.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes to December 14, 2006 minutes

Mr. Lagas had changes to the minutes of December 14, 2006 and went as follows:

- 1- Second page, second paragraph, second sentence last word in the sentence is "results" and should be "activities."
- 2- Same page, same paragraph, second from last sentence last word should be "contaminant."
- 3- Same page, third from last paragraph (about 10 mg/l (milligrams per liter), should be, "(about 10 ug/l (micrograms per liter))."
- 4- Same page, second paragraph from last paragraph on the page, the last sentence should be: "The draft reports were available for review to CAB members at the meeting."
- 5- Last, but not least, on the last page Mr. Lagas's name was misspelled several times; change from Largas to the correct spelling of Lagas.

Mr. Jeff Littell moved to accept the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Ms. Charlotte Reyes and passed.

Mrs. Flood announced that Mr. John Saccoman needed to leave early. Mrs. Flood asked if the CAB would permit Mr. Saccoman to vote yes or no and leave it as a proxy for voting matters on the agenda. All the CAB members agreed.

3. First Quarter Sampling Discussion, Well Drilling Update and RI Report Update – Jennifer Edwards Thies, Project Manager

Mrs. Thies stated that West Van Buren is in the Remedial Investigation (RI) phase and hopes to wrap up the study by the end of September and move into the Feasible Study (FS) phase. The Land and Water Use Study Report dated October 31, 2001, is also currently being updated. Plans for the new fiscal year that started July 1, 2008 are to move into the feasibility study and the PRAP phase and determine the Remedial Objectives.

Mrs. Thies continued stating that the last sampling event was in March 2007 and the report is still in draft form. The handouts and graphs given out in the packets are all stamped DRAFT. Also included is a list of all the monitor wells with their locations... There were 93 out of 111 monitoring wells sampled throughout the site. The Roosevelt Irrigation District (RID) wells were not sampled during this sampling event due to lack of access. No domestic wells were sampled. Mrs. Thies informed the CAB that because it is spring the water levels are a little higher for this sampling event. Results from Monitoring Wells located in the Upper Alluvium Unit (UAU) 1 exceeded the Aquifer Water Quality Standards (AWQS) at multiple locations for tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), (Dichloroethylene) 1-1DCE. However, these concentrations are similar to previous concentrations observed. Results of Monitoring Wells located in UAU2 exceeded the AWQS with slightly lower concentrations than UAU1. With the exception of TCE, which is higher in the UAU2? Results for Monitoring Wells located in the Middle Alluvial Unit (MAU) exceeded the AWQS at only one location (Well AVB82-01), which is located approximately at 69th Avenue and Van Buren. Mr. Lagas asked what percentage of sampling is done using the diffusive bags. Mrs. Thies responded that 42 out of 93 wells use the diffusive bags. Mr. Snyder added that it saves time and money to sample using diffusive bags.

Ms. Thies continued that eight new wells were proposed - two of which were not able to be drilled. Ms. Thies was able to report that Air Liquide, Inc., located on 45th Avenue and Jefferson, has a signed consent order with the Attorney General's office. By consent, they agree to continue investigation work on their property. They must submit a status report every 30 days from when they submitted their first status report June 22, 2007.

ADEQ's Legal Support Unit is working to obtain a consent order with Prudential Overall Supply and the U.S. Department of Energy. ADEQ would like to see Prudential Overall Supply, located on 51st Avenue and Roosevelt take some soil samples and soil gas samples, as well as drill wells to take water samples. The U.S. Department of Energy, located on 43rd Avenue just north of Buckeye Rd., is currently sampling and submitting analytical results to ADEQ.

Mr. John Saccoman asked when the Remedial Investigation (RI) report would be ready for public comments and questions. Mrs. Thies replied that it depends on if they get a quick turn

around on the Land and Water Use Questionnaires. The report will be wrapped up soon after. Mr. Lagas asked how much time is going to be allowed for the public to review the report. Mrs. Thies responded that by statute it should be completed between 30 to 90 days. Mr. Lagas asked if that could ever be extended. Ms. Thies responded that extensions could be requested. Mr. Lagas commented that the presentation and information was very good.

4. Membership Discussion and Voting – Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator

Mrs. Flood discussed two CAB members, Mr. Lenn Harris and Ms. Gloria Sesma that have been inactive members. Mrs. Flood explained that Mr. Harris has missed numerous meetings, has not been returning phone calls, and has not responded to mail/e-mail correspondence. Ms. Sesma has never attended a CAB meeting.

Mr. Lagas opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Littell asked if any certified letters were sent to these people. Mrs. Flood responded that ADEQ has sent them the regular mailings, CAB meeting mail outs, notices and CAB member packets and never received any responses from the CAB member; or any undeliverables, moved, or forwarded notices from the Post Office. Mr. Lagas asked for a motion to vote the two mentioned people off the board. Mrs. Charlotte Reyes made a motion to remove the CAB members, and it was seconded by Mr. Littell. The motion was passed.

Mrs. Flood stated that Mr. Saccoman's written vote was yes to vote the two mentioned CAB members off the board, he signed his vote. Mrs. Flood stated that both Mr. Harris and Ms. Sesman will be receiving a letter in regards to their termination.

5. Community Involvement Plan Draft Discussion – Wendy Flood

Mrs. Flood went through the updates made to the West Van Buren Community Involvement Plan (CIP). Each chapter was discussed. ADEQ did a telephone survey after a fact sheet was sent out to gather opinions or comments on the West Van Buren WQARF Site. Mrs. Flood responded that all the maps were updated.

Mr. Lagas asked for time to review and make comments at next meeting. Mrs. Flood asked the CAB to read the whole CIP concentrating on Chapters 4 and 5. It was agreed the CAB would get their comments/additions to Ms. Olivarez by August 15, 2007.

6. CAB Co-Chair Voting

Mrs. Flood explained that according to the CAB charter, CAB Co-Chairs are to be voted on every June and December. Ms. Peggy Eastburn's Co-Chair position was up for re-voting. Mr. Lagas opened the floor for discussions and nominations and asked Mrs. Eastburn if she wanted to do another term. Mrs. Eastburn agreed and no other nominations were received. Mr. Lagas asked for a motion to re-elect Mrs. Eastburn. Mrs. Reyes made a motion and Mr. Littell seconded, the motion passed.

7. Call to Public

None

8. Future Meeting Plans/Agenda Discussion.

Mrs. Thies stated there would be a sampling event in September, and the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report is coming up so December would be a good time for the next meeting. Mr. Lagas requested a meeting corresponding with the RI Report around September 2007. Mrs. Flood replied this is the first draft and there is a public comment period. It was agreed to schedule a special CAB meeting to correspond to the release of the Draft RI and comment period. This is in accordance with R18-16-404 C1b Notice to the public of the opportunity to comment on the draft remedial investigation (RI) report and notice of public meetings (can be CAB meetings) to establish remedial objectives (ROs); and keep the routine meeting for December 6, 2007. Agenda topics for December will include a site update on sampling and CIP discussion and voting.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lagas asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Eastburn made a motion and Mr. Littell seconded. The meeting was adjourned.